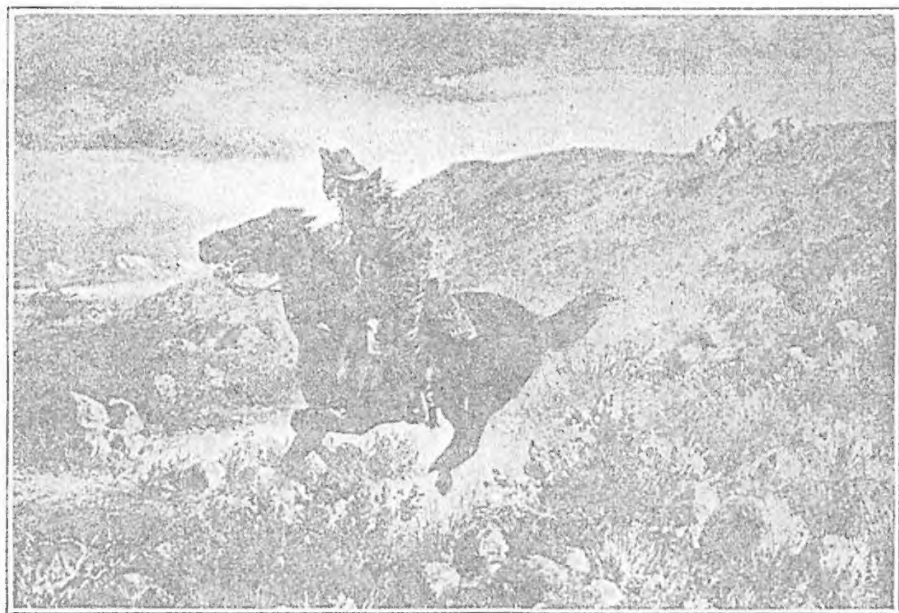


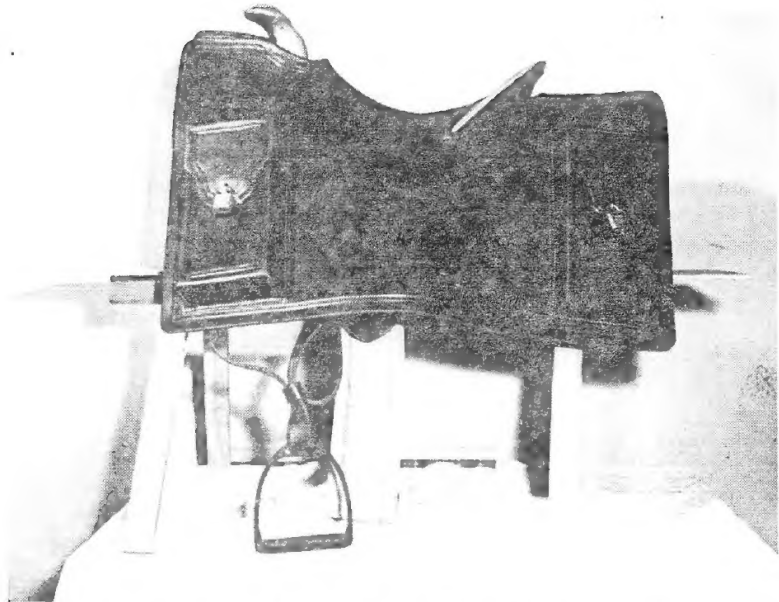
rider. Relays of saddle horses were kept at the overland mail stations, ready for instant use. One of the riders, coming into a station at full gallop, would jump from the back of his jaded steed, leave it in care of grooms waiting to receive it, and flinging himself across a fresh mount, be off with almost the swiftness of the wind, hugging closely the precious missives waited for along the line or at the remote extremity



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of the route. No one rider, of course, could make the through trip without sleep. At certain points fresh riders as well as fresh horses were supplied.

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